GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2725
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2000
RESEARCH IN MEDICINES FROM HERBS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Health Department has undertaken intensive research work in identifying herbs for medicinal use;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith small and big units manufacturing medicines from these herbs, State-wise; and

(c) the condition of medicine manufacturing units in the public and private sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Three Research Councils set up by the Government have been collecting medicinal plants including herbs for studying their properties to further develop drugs for the Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems which depend primarily on plants as raw materials.

The Research Councils are:

1. Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha (CCRAS).

2. Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM).

3. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH).

(b) Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has identified more than one-lakh specimens of plants.

Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine has identified 24003 plan specimens.

Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has identified 7065 plant specimens.

The State-wise statement of licensed Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy units manufacturing medicines using medicinal plants and herbs is enclosed.

(c) There are over 9,000 manufacturing units including small and tiny units as also individual Vaidya and Hakims. There is need for improvement in the manufacturing process, quality control of raw drugs and finished products. They need to follow Good Manufacturing Practices now notified. Some corporations in the state sector and big manufacturers of ISM& H drugs are at a satisfactory level of operation. The renovation and modernization of the Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. (IMPCL) under the Central Government has been approved.

STATE-WISE NUMBER OF LICENSED PHARMACIES IN ISM & HOMOEOPATHY AS ON 1.4.1999

STATES/Uts	NUMBER OF LICENSED PHARMACIES			
	Ayurved	Unani	Siddha	Homoeopathy TOTAL

ANDHRA PRADESH	542	164	-	10	716
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	-	-	-	-	-
ASSAM	39	-	-	-	39
BIHAR	228	21	-	75	324
DELHI	78	24	-	12	114
GOA	5	-	-	-	5
GUJARAT	892	-	-	13	905
HARYANA	237	3	-	-	240
HIMACHAL PRADESH	64	-	-	1	65
JAMMU & KASHMIR	10	2	-	-	12
KARNATAKA	241	14	-	10	265
KERALA	726	-	-	16	742
MADHYA PRADESH	414	10	-	6	430
MAHARASHTRA	554	9	-	32	595
MANIPUR	-	-	-	-	-
MEGHALAYA	-	-	-	-	-
MIZORAM	-	-	-	-	-
NAGALAND	-	-	-	4	4
ORISSA	160	-	-	40	200
PUNJAB	149	-	-	-	149
RAJASTHAN	391	-	-	3	394
SIKKIM	-	-	-	1	1
TAMIL NADU	268	9	353	7	637
TRIPURA	1	-	-	-	1
UTTAR PRADESH	2575	217	-	34	2008$
WEST BENGAL	620	22	-	591	1233
A & N ISLAND	-	-	-	-	-
CHANDIGARH	4	-	-	-	4
D & N HAVELI	10	-	-	-	10
DAMAN & DIU	1	-	-	1	2
LAKSHADWEEP	-	-	-	-	-
PONDICHERRY	24	-	94@	1	119
TOTAL	8233	495	447	857	9214$

NOTE:-

@ Includes 2 combined Pharmacies for Ayurveda & Unani.
$ The total does not tally as 818 Ayurveda & Unani Pharmacics have been closed.

FIGURES ARE PROVISIONAL